GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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SPECIAL COMPONENT PLAN FOR DALIT
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to bring an amendment in the constitution byformulating a special component plan as per the population of Dalits so that the allocation made thereunder is not spent elsewhere;

(b) if so, the guidelines issued/proposed to be issued by the Government to the State in this regard;

(c) whether the Union Government have reviewed the implementation of Special Component Plan;

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(e) the funds allocated/released under Special Component Plan (SCP) during the current year; and

(f) the funds spent by each State under said plan so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL)

(a)&(b) There is no proposal to amend the constitution for this purpose. However, guidelines on the formulation and implementation of the Special Component Plan (SCP) for thewelfare of Scheduled Castes by the State Governments and Central Ministries have been issued by the Planning Commission.

(c) & (d) The position of the Special Component Planwas reviewed with the States recently. In those review meetings the Ministry impressed upon the States the need to earmark funds in their annual plans in proportion to the Scheduled Caste population of each State.

(e) & (f) Allocation of funds is made by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrationsout of their plan funds. The State Governments will finalize their plan allocations in consultation with the Planning Commission for the current year.